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Part B. for November 06

SUBJECT.

Import of revolvers for the use of the Provincial Reserve Police

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2. To the F.A. Resident

No Pol 383 d 16.11.05

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3 To. The F.A. Resident.

No Pol: 1027 d 25.6.06

Furnishes the information called for by the F.A. Resident

4. To. the F.A. Resident

No 3921 d 10.7.06

States that permission is not ordinarily granted to the Supply of arms of precision or of rapid fire to the Police &

Native States, that such permission is granted only under very special circumstances, and even then such arms are, as a rule, issued for a strictly limited period, and that under these circumstances the Resident regrets his inability to approach the Govt of India in the matter

5 To The A Resident

Pol. No 187 d 1.9.06

Requests him to place the matter once more before the Resident and obtain the necessary permission to import the 5 revolvers for the same

No 5429 d 24.9.06

States that the Honble the Resident does not see

sufficient reason to alter his opinion and suggest that the powers of the officers in question who are at present armed with swords might be increased by training them in the use of the Carbine with which the men under them are armed.

- 2o. The I.G. of Police

No J 1148 d 2.11.06

Intimates the above.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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FILE HEADING.

Import of revolvers for the use of the Provincial Reserve Police.

From

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

No. 2582/267 Dated 9.11.05 Received 10.11.05

Diary No. 91087	Enclos. ..	Spare Copies. ..	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Requests to move the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore to grant the requisite permit for the importation of 5 Bre Bull Dog Revolvers with 500 cartridges from Messrs P. Orr & Sons, Madras for the use of 2 Inspectors and 3 Subedars of the Provincial Reserve Police Force.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1 Subd. with a draft to the Residency.

WS 13/11/05

SR 11/11/05 Registrar

Seen 12-11-05

Seen 13-11-05

2 Passed 14.11.1905

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To
The F.A. Resident No. Pol 383 D/ 16.11.05

Requests that the requisite permission may be obtained for the import of the above mentioned revolvers.

3 The F.A. Resident in a D.O. dated the 12th June 1906 states that in order to ensure the success of the above application it was necessary to show that the duties of the officers of the Provincial Reserve Police force included the recurring contingency of having to cope with armed and violent offenders and that it was presumed that the Subedars of the Reserve Police were not lower in rank than Chief Constables of the Kolar Gold Fields Police. A D.O. letter dated 14.6.06 was issued to the D.G. of Police enquiring whether this was so. The D.G. in his D.O. letter dated the 16th June 06 furnished the required information. Secretary's order on the D.G.'s D.O.:-

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"Draft to the Resident officially in continuation of our

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first letter embodying this additional information. Also a D.O. reply to Mr. Moss King in the Dewan's name stating that the information required has been sent separately."

Init. K.S.C. 19.6.06.

4 Subd. with two drafts as directed.

BS. 20.6.06. 20.6.06

5 Dispe. D.O. draft. dated 20-6-06 and the D.O. dispatched with the file to the Secretariat.

25.6.06

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6 D.O. dispatched.

28/6/06 7 The D.O. has been despatched. The papers, with the D.O. file, has been resubmitted.

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9 To The F.A. Resident. no. Pol 1027 D/ 25.6.06. Furnishes the information called for by the F.A. Resident.

4 From The F.A. Resident no. 3921 D/10.7.06 States that permission is not ordinarily granted to the supply of arms of precision or of rapid fire to the Police of Native States; that such

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permission is granted only under very special circumstances, and even then such arms are, as a rule, issued for a strictly limited period; and that under these circumstances the Resident regrets his inability to approach the Govt. of India in the matter.

9 Subo. for orders with a draft to the I.G.P. Police – The Residency reply is obviously fatal: but it is worth while to point out that it is not intended to arm the entire Police Force, or any appreciable proportion of it, with revolvers. The Special Reserve is ordered out on occasions of emergency which it is impossible to foresee and which may possibly never arise, but for which we must try to be prepared. Arms are supplied to Police officers not for ordinary use but as a preparation against possible contingencies that may arise. Except that. When special occasions, like those contemplated in the Residency letter, arise, it will not be possible to apply for and obtain permission for the purchase of the

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revolvers in sufficient time for them to be of any use.

Seen 18.7.06

10. Please draft & submit a letter to the Dy C on the above lines —

22.7.06

11 Draft letter put up

25-7-06

12 I think it is worth while to make one more attempt to induce the Govt of Travancore to move in the matter with the Resident to move in the matter

12 The draft may be approved —

To Dewan Sir 2d (1)

27-7-06

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13 If the Dewan approves of a renewal of application, the rules will have to be revised. It is a question whether an option is left to the Resident in this matter

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14 Only 5 revolvers are wanted but a question of principle is

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15 Perhaps it may, the D.S.P. Nice be enrolled unofficially before further action is taken?
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16 Yes this may be done
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17 Forwarded to the Inspection Officer for favour of remarks
Sd/-
Chief Secretary
Sec'y to Govt. Gallowsh
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18 I have before pointed out that the Provincial Reserve Police - a small body of only 200 men + Officers - is the only well disciplined + fairly well armed force which the Civil Govt: have at their disposal, to meet any emergency when the show of armed force is necessary Such an emergency may occur

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+ of Inspectors

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at any time, or at any place in the Province, without warning - especially in times of Plague or scarcity — The men of the Reserve are armed with a sufficiently serviceable weapon the short muzzle-loading carbine. They require no better weapon at present — but the Officers, viz 2 Inspectors & 3 Subadars have only their swords, - it is of course impossible to arm them with so obsolete a weapon as a muzzle-loading pistol. It is obviously impossible to foresee when emergencies may arise — if they could be foreseen they would cease to be emergencies — It is our duty merely to suppress disturbances when they occur; & to do this, we must — arm our Officers as well as men in such a manner that we can depend on them to face a mob, or band of dacoits, with weapons which will overawe the Mobs, & give the Officers a feeling of confidence —

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In Madras, in the Mofussil Presidencies, even the District Reserves are armed with breech-loading weapons, & the Officers i.e. Inspectors & Chief constables with swords. There are in the Presidency town nearly 6000 men & officers; & only these 200 men & officers, who can be fairly called armed: & that with muzzle-loading & obsolete weapons.

All we now ask is that these 5 Officers, all stationed at Bangalore, may be given five breech-loading revolvers. If any possible principle is involved, it should be made clear that such principle does not apply to a well ordered well governed State as Mysore.

3rd Aug 1906

J. C. Lamb
D.S. Police

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21. Please revise the draft already put up, & embody in therein the more useful points mentioned in the Dy's note. We must make out a strong case, if our representation is to have any effect at all.

22 Revised draft submitted (see G). 21.8.06

23 To Dewan thro' 2nd Councillor.

24 may be approved

1947 25/8/06

25 Draft approved by Dewan

28/8/06

26 Done

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5 To
The F.A. Resident no. Pol 187 D/1.9.06
Requests him to place the matter once more before the Resident & obtain the necessary permission to import the 5 revolvers.

6 From
The F.A. Resident no. 5429 D/24.9.06
States that the Honble the Resident does not see sufficient reason to alter his opinion and suggests that the powers of the officers in question, who are at present armed only with swords, might be increased by training them in the use of the carbine with which the men under them are armed.

27 Subd. for orders.
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19.10.06 SW
19-10-06.

28 Draft to D.G. submitted to Secy
20.10.06

To Resolution No 20 Cy.

21.10.06

29 Approved
24/10/06 2548
23/10/06

30 Approved by Secy
25 Oct.

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From

The Inspector General of

Police in Mysore.

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of Mysore,

Gen. and Rev. Dept.

Dated 9'

Despatched 9' November 1905

Received

General No. 2582

No. 267

Enclosure No.

Requesting to move the Hon'ble
British Resident in Mysore
grant the requisite permit for
the importation of Revolvers from
P. Orr & Sons, Madras.

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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 9th November 1905.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

B. K. Venkatavaradaviengar Esquire,
~~THE~~ SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honour to request that you will be so good as to move the Government to request the Honourable the British Resident to accord the needful permission for the importation of 5 British Bulle Dog revolvers with 500 Cartridges from Messrs. P. Orr and Sons Madras.

The revolvers are required to arm the marginally noted officers of the Provincial Reserve Police, who are at present without any weapons except their Swords

2 Inspectors.
3 Subedars.

As These Officers are required to move out constantly on special duty with detachments, it is indispensable that They should be provided with Suitable weapons to serve Them in case of — emergency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Inspector General of Police.

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Pol No. 383.

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To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore.

Date of issue 16/11/05

Signed by Mr B K Venkataramaiah
Dy Secy.

Sir

I am directed to request ~~you to be kind enough to accord the needful permission~~ that may be kindly obtained for the importation of 5 British Bull Dog revolvers with 500 cartridges from Messrs P. Orr and Sons, Madras.

2. I am to state that the above weapons are required to arm two Inspectors and three Subedars of the Provincial Reserve Police Force, who are at present without any weapons except

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their records. As these officers are required to serve out constantly on special duty with detachments it is indespensable ~~that~~ that they should be provided with suitable weapons to serve them in ~~c~~ of emergencies. I have etc.

Secretary 14-11-1905

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Pol No. 1027.

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To

The First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Date of issue 25-6-06.

Sir,

Signed by Mr. K.S. Chandrasekharaya Typ

In continuation of Mr. Venkatavaradaiengar's letter no. Pol. 383 dated the 16th November 1905, requesting that permission may be ~~kindly~~ obtained for the importation of 5 British Bull Dog revolvers with 500 cartridges from Messrs. P. Orr and Sons, Madras, for the use of two Inspectors and three Subedars of the Provincial Reserve Police Force, I am

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SUBJECT.

directed to state, ~~that~~ as follows. to the Municipal Reserve

~~above mentioned~~ force

is an armed body kept

at the Hd. Qrs. of the State,

viz, Bangalore, and that detachments of it

are ~~from~~ being sent to the

~~various~~ districts of the State for the

suppression of dacoities, or

quelling of riots, or to cope

with any unusual contingency

where the show of armed

force is necessary.

2. The men of the force

are armed with muzzle

loading smooth bore carbines, but

~~at present they~~

~~not~~ the officers are only provided

with swords. To improve the efficiency of the force it is deemed advisable ~~The permission~~

~~for importing the above~~ that these Offrs should each be armed with a serviceable revolver in case of emergency. The

~~mentioned revolvers was~~

~~applied for in order to~~

~~make good this drawback.~~

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3. ~~I am further to state~~

~~That the~~ Subedars of the

~~Special Reserve~~ Force are

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more or less of the same rank as Chief Constables of the Kolar Gold Fields are sent out in command of detachments to outlying districts.

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I have &c.
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Enclosure nil

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From

P. L. Moore Esquire, I. C.S.,

Offg: FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 10th July 1906.

III Mile No. 70 Police 11-7-06

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Chendrasekhara Aiyar's letter Pol No.1027, dated the 25th June 1906, regarding the supply of revolvers to two Inspectors and three Subedars of the Provincial Reserve Police Force.

2. As you are doubtless aware permission is not ordinarily granted to the supply of arms of precision or of rapid fire to the Police of Native States. Such permission is granted only under very special circumstances, such as a serious or widespread outbreak of dakaiti, and even then such arms are, as a rule, issued for a strictly limited period. In the circumstances the Resident, while anxious to meet the desire of the Durbar to improve the efficiency of the State Police, regrets his inability to approach the Government of India in the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg. First Assistant Resident.

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Date of issue 1-9-06.

Signed by Mr. K.S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar

To

The First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mys.

Sir,

I am directed to ac-
knowledge the receipt of
your letter no. 3921 dated
the 10th July 1906, stating
that permission to supply
revolvers to the Police of
Native States is given only
under very special cir-
cumstances, such as a
serious or wide spread out-
break of dacoity, and that
consequently the Hon'ble
the Resident is unable to
approach the Govt. of India
on the subject of permitting

over.

SUBJECT.

the importation of five revolvers to be supplied to the officers of the Provincial Reserve Police Force.

2. In reply, I am to point out that it is not proposed to arm the entire Police Force (consisting of 600 men and officers), or any appreciable proportion of it with revolvers. It is only desired to supply these arms to five officers of the Special Reserve, all stationed at Bangalore, who are at present armed only with swords. Firearms are supplied to Police officers, not for every day use, but only as a preparation against possible contingencies and if the supply of such arms were to be put off until the occasion for their use arose, it would, the Durbar submit

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surely be an insufficient preparation against such contingencies. The Special Reserve is the only well disciplined and fairly well armed Police Force which the Durbar have at their disposal to meet any emergency where the show of armed force is necessary. Such emergencies may occur at any time and at any place without warning. It is impossible to foresee them — if they could be foreseen they would cease to be emergencies — but it would be unsafe not to buy and be prepared for them beforehand. To be sufficiently well prepared, it is necessary to arm the officers and men in such a manner that they might be expected to face a mob or a band of dacoits, with weapons which will overawe the offenders and give the officers some degree of confidence. When any special emergency does arise, it would obviously be too late to apply for and obtain permission for the purchase of revolvers.

3. I am

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3. I am therefore directed
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volvers as already applied

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I have &c

Secretary.

24/8/06

Forwarded by Mr. 31-8-1906

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No. 5429

FROM

P. L. Moore Esquire, I.C.S.,

Offg: FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 24th September 1906.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Chandrasekhara Aiyar's letter Pol No.187, dated the 31st August 1906, regarding the supply of revolvers to the officers of the Provincial Reserve Police Force.

2. The Resident has given careful consideration to the further representation made by the Durbar in this matter, but regrets that he is unable to discover therein any reason for doubting the correctness of his first decision as contained in my letter No. 3921, dated the 10th July 1906. The condition under which the supply of arms of precision or of rapid fire is allowed to the Police of Native States is, as already explained, the existence of very special circumstances such as a serious or widespread outbreak of dakaiti, and even then the period for which the issue is to be made is strictly limited. Neither condition has been satisfied in the present case, and the second one would preclude the permanent retention of the revolvers which is now proposed.

3. I am therefore to say that pending the occurrence of circumstances (which it is hoped may never arise in Mysore) justifying a reference of the question to the Government of India, Mr. Fraser would suggest that the powers of the officers in question,

who are at present armed only with swords, for offence in case of emergencies, might be increased by training them in the use of the carbine with which the men under them are armed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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No. J 1148
Pol 70-05-3
2-11-1906

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To

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Date of issue 2-11-1906

Signed by Mr. K Mathai

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. 2582/267 dated the 9th November 1905, requesting that the Hon'ble the Resident may be moved to accord the needful permission for the importation of 5 British Bull Dog revolvers with 500 cartridges from Messrs P. Orr & Sons of Madras for the use of the officers of the Provincial Reserve Police, I am directed to state

over.

SUBJECT.

that permission is not ordinarily granted to the supply of arms of precision or of rapid fire to the Police of Native States. Such permission is granted only under very special circumstances, such as serious or wide spread outbreak of dacoity and even then such arms are, as a rule, issued for a strictly limited period. Under these circumstances Govt. do not see their way to ~~apply to~~ the ~~Hon'ble~~ the Resident for the ~~required~~ permission of the Government of India.

I have &c

Secretary

forward herewith a copy of the ~~letter~~ state that the Hon'ble the Resident has declined to approach the Govt of India in the matter as it is suggested that the efficiency of the Police officers in question may be enhanced if they are trained in the use of the carbine with which the men under them are armed - with the view to increase the powers of the Police for offence in case of disturbances

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Examined by

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